

## ***Interactive comment on “Improved GRACE regional mass balance estimates of the Greenland Ice Sheet cross-validated with the input-output method” by Z. Xu et al.***

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for dealing with the reviewer comments. We recognize that the reviewers and you have spent time and effort, and we apologize that we hadn't taken your access review into account adequately. As the reviewers remarked, the paper still has shortcomings in structure, notation and argumentation. Indeed, we had difficulties to structure the paper and we had reorganized the draft times before submitting. Possibly as a result of this we were biased and unable to look at the paper from an outsider perspective. We should have taken your access review as an opportunity to improve

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the paper which would have saved time for the reviewers. The updates are made according to all the comments from three referees. We have improved a lot of the content and structure of our TCD paper. In attachment you can find a copy of our response to three referees together with an updated version manuscript with all their comments included.

Sincerely, Zheng Xu Wouter van der Wal Ernst Schrama

Please also note the supplement to this comment:  
<http://www.the-cryosphere-discuss.net/9/C2493/2015/tcd-9-C2493-2015-supplement.zip>

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